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PENNSYLVANIA EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

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NOTE: Each year with the release of January's Current Population (household) Survey (CPS) estimates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revises previously reported labor force data for the eleven largest states. The revisions are based upon updated population estimates from the U.S. Bureau of the Census and new seasonal adjustment factors recomputed by BLS with the addition of the most recent year's labor force data. These revisions affect monthly resident labor force estimates back to 1982.

Other important data items reported monthly in these releases, estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Pennsylvania, also undergo annual revisions during this time of year. These estimates are obtained from a survey of business establishments conducted each month by the state Office of Employment Security for the U.S. Department of Labor. Beginning with this release the data have been revised to first quarter 1986 benchmarks and are, therefore, not strictly comparable to figures published prior to March 1987.

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JANUARY RISE IN STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT SIGNIFICANT BUT EXPECTED

The Current Population Survey (CPS) January labor force data for Pennsylvania recently released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, reveals a substantial rise in joblessness statewide. At 359,000 in January, the number of unemployed state residents (not adjusted for seasonality) climbed by 101,000 since December when the unemployed volume was reported to be lowest in more than a decade. While a jobless rise is somewhat typical during January, a rise of this magnitude without strong matching support from other indicators gives rise to caution. As was reported last month and further supported with current data, this month's upturn in joblessness appears more the case of overstatement of December's improvement than a January deterioration in the state's economic situation. Despite the January jobless surge, unemployment among Commonwealth residents remains 86,000 below year ago levels. The Commonwealth's January unemployment rate of 6.5 percent compares favorably with the year-ago rate of 8.1 percent.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment also rose since December, up 44,000 to a January total of 343,000. Following this upturn in the jobless volume, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment moved to 6.1 percent, up from December's 5.4 percent. Last year at this time 7.6 percent of Pennsylvania's civilian labor force were without jobs and seeking work. The Commonwealth's January adjusted jobless rate is 0.6 percentage point below the U.S. rate of 6.7 percent and marks the eighth consecutive month that the state rate was below that of the nation.

Employment, not adjusted for seasonality, fell by 89,000 during January placing Pennsylvania's resident total at 5,131,000. This downward movement, while somewhat less than normal for January, is supported by a similar trend in preliminary estimates of the state's nonagricultural wage and salary jobs. Totals for both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries show net decline.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT OFF STATEWIDE BOTH MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING SHOW DECLINE

Nonagricultural wage and salary jobs throughout Pennsylvania industry totaled 4,763,200 in January according to preliminary data gathered through the latest Current Employment Statistics (CES) sample survey conducted by the state Office of Employment Security. While this total represents a job loss of 123,200 since December, predominantly seasonal in nature, it remains a healthy 90,400 above the count of January 1986.

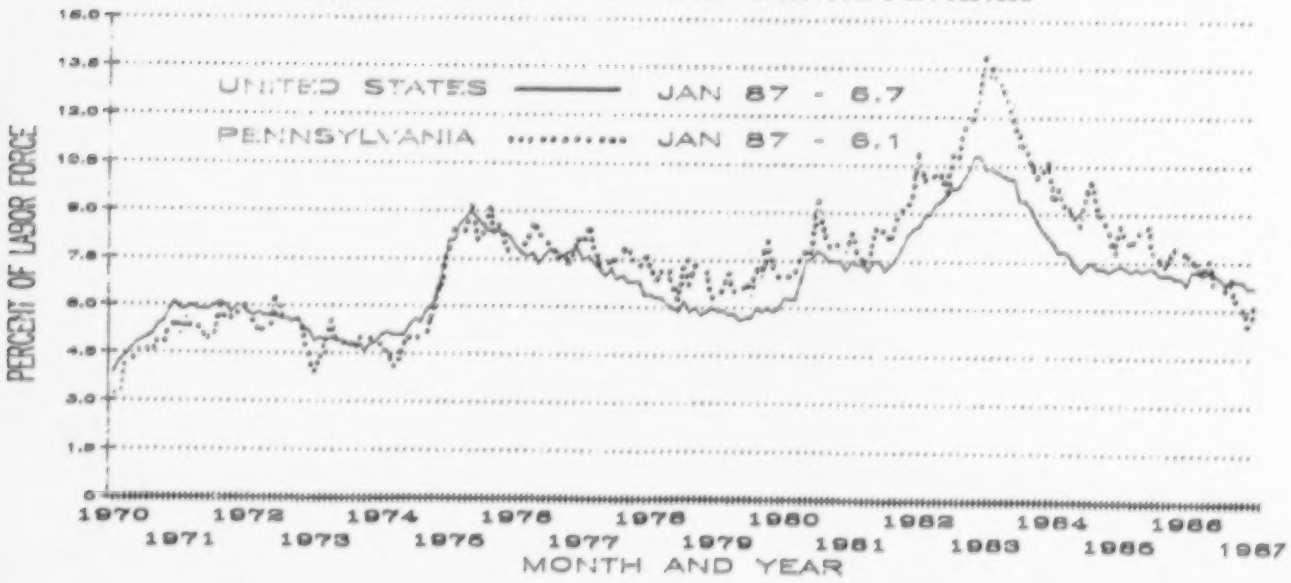
As expected, winter weather cut into the state's January construction projects while many new starts were pushed back to spring causing jobs in contract construction to fall by 24,500. Following the end of the holiday sales period, retail trade dropped many temporary employes from payrolls also revealing a monthly downturn (-46,800). These movements, coupled with a seasonal drop of 19,100 in services, caused net nonmanufacturing jobs to fall by 114,000 over the month to a January total of 3,726,800.

Manufacturing employment, marked in January by rather widespread job declines, fell by 9,300 since December to a total of 1,026,400. January manufacturing estimates likewise point to seasonal job loss patterns as durable goods industries dropped 5,800 from payrolls since December while nondurable employment levels were reduced by 3,500 over the month.

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
(All Persons in Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA	JANUARY 1987	DECEMBER 1986	JANUARY 1986	NET CHANGE FROM: DECEMBER 1986	NET CHANGE FROM: JANUARY 1986
UNADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,490	5,479	5,494	11.0	-4.0
Employment	5,131	5,220	5,049	-89.0	82.0
Unemployment	359	258	445	101.0	-86.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	4.7	8.1	1.8	-1.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,610	5,528	5,615	82.0	-5.0
Employment	5,267	5,229	5,187	38.0	80.0
Unemployment	343	299	428	44.0	-85.0
Unemployment Rate(%)	6.1	5.4	7.6	0.7	-1.5

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
FOR UNITED STATES AND PENNSYLVANIA



FOOTNOTES:

P/ Data are preliminary and subject to revision.
Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor managements disputes.
Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included in industry line detail but are included in nonagricultural wage and salary totals.
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data in this release have been revised to first quarter 1986 benchmarks and are, therefore, not strictly comparable with figures published prior to March 1987.
The Pennsylvania Employment and Earnings Report is published monthly. An expanded report is published in February, May, August, and November. If additional data are needed, telephone (717) 787-3886.

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: JANUARY 1987, DECEMBER 1986, JANUARY 1986
(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	JANUARY 1987 P/	DECEMBER 1986	JANUARY 1986	(--NET CHANGE--) FROM DECEMBER 1986	FROM JANUARY 1986
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	4763.2	4886.4	4672.8	-123.2	90.4
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1026.4	1035.7	1058.5	-9.3	-32.1
DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	579.0	584.8	607.6	-5.8	-28.6
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	27.5	28.2	23.9	-0.7	3.6
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	20.0	20.5	21.0	-0.5	-1.0
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	45.7	47.1	46.1	-1.4	-0.4
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	81.1	83.0	97.1	-1.9	-16.0
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	90.0	90.3	91.4	-0.3	-1.4
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	103.3	104.0	109.7	-0.7	-6.4
ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	96.5	97.6	100.7	-1.1	-4.2
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	58.9	58.5	61.7	0.4	-2.8
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	35.0	35.2	36.4	-0.2	-1.4
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	20.3	20.4	19.6	-0.1	0.7
NONDURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	447.4	450.9	450.9	-3.5	-3.5
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	90.6	92.1	88.7	-1.5	1.9
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	1.0	1.1	2.2	-0.1	-1.2
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	30.4	31.0	30.2	-0.6	0.2
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODS.	89.9	89.7	95.0	0.2	-5.1
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	40.3	40.3	40.2	0.0	0.1
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	80.7	80.8	77.0	-0.1	3.7
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	57.6	58.3	58.5	-0.7	-0.9
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	10.1	10.2	10.8	-0.1	-0.7
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	37.4	37.4	37.4	0.0	0.0
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	9.4	10.0	10.9	-0.6	-1.5
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3726.8	3840.8	3612.3	-114.0	114.5
MINING	31.3	32.1	33.6	-0.8	-2.3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	182.2	206.7	164.3	-24.5	17.9
TRANSPORTATION	136.3	142.3	135.9	-6.0	0.4
PUBLIC UTILITIES	102.7	102.3	101.4	0.4	1.3
COMMUNICATIONS	48.9	48.8	48.3	0.1	0.6
ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITARY	53.8	53.5	53.1	0.3	0.7
WHOLESALE TRADE	263.1	265.3	255.3	-2.2	7.8
RETAIL TRADE	834.3	881.1	808.7	-46.8	25.6
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	129.4	145.8	125.4	-16.4	4.0
FINANCE,INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	281.4	282.3	267.0	-0.9	14.4
BANKING	88.6	88.4	85.3	0.2	3.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS	81.9	81.8	76.6	0.1	5.3
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS	1222.3	1241.4	1171.6	-19.1	50.7
BUSINESS SERVICES	204.1	205.6	191.2	-1.5	12.9
HEALTH SERVICES	408.3	407.9	392.0	0.4	16.3
HOSPITALS	224.5	224.1	218.4	0.4	6.1
LEGAL SERVICES	35.7	35.2	32.6	0.5	3.1
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	142.0	152.0	138.2	-10.0	3.8
SOCIAL SERVICES	79.9	79.9	74.4	0.0	5.5
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	58.5	58.2	54.6	0.3	3.9
GOVERNMENT	673.2	687.3	674.5	-14.1	-1.3
FEDERAL	137.7	138.3	139.1	-0.6	-1.4
STATE	143.9	151.6	145.2	-7.7	-1.3
LOCAL	391.6	397.4	390.2	-5.8	1.4
PERSONS IN LABOR-MGMT. DISPUTES	10.0	9.9	2.0	0.1	8.0

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND WEEKLY HOURS
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: JANUARY 1987, DECEMBER 1986 AND JANUARY 1986
(Production Worker Averages)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
INDUSTRY	JANUARY 1987 P/	DECEMBER 1986	JANUARY 1986	JANUARY 1987 P/	DECEMBER 1986	JANUARY 1986	JANUARY 1987 P/	DECEMBER 1986	JANUARY 1986
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	397.54	406.23	387.20	40.4	41.2	40.0	9.84	9.86	9.68
DURABLE GOODS	436.58	448.17	427.18	41.5	42.4	40.8	10.52	10.57	10.47
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	348.59	349.42	305.37	42.1	42.2	39.0	8.28	8.28	7.83
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	345.32	351.29	328.77	40.2	40.8	39.0	8.59	8.61	8.43
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODS.	418.18	434.09	422.91	41.2	42.6	41.3	10.15	10.19	10.24
PRIMARY METALS	513.77	527.51	493.68	41.4	42.1	40.3	12.41	12.53	12.25
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	438.96	445.05	424.51	42.7	43.0	41.7	10.28	10.35	10.18
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	457.21	463.72	434.84	42.1	42.7	41.1	10.86	10.86	10.58
ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC MACH.	401.71	412.57	397.29	40.7	41.8	41.0	9.87	9.87	9.69
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	465.70	501.83	490.32	39.6	42.1	41.1	11.76	11.92	11.93
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PROD.	412.08	431.10	405.87	40.8	42.1	41.5	10.10	10.24	9.78
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	416.90	419.83	372.56	43.7	44.1	39.3	9.54	9.52	9.48
NONDURABLE GOODS	351.23	355.41	335.71	39.2	39.8	38.9	8.96	8.93	8.63
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	386.63	385.97	374.00	39.9	40.5	40.0	9.69	9.53	9.35
TOBACCO PRODUCTS	256.26	240.59	237.79	41.2	40.3	40.1	6.22	5.97	5.93
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	278.08	279.30	263.34	39.5	39.9	39.6	7.04	7.00	6.65
APPAREL AND RELATED PRODUCTS	204.59	201.58	200.60	34.5	34.4	34.0	5.93	5.86	5.90
PAPER PRODUCTS	466.31	479.73	445.12	44.2	45.3	43.3	10.55	10.59	10.28
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	425.30	446.71	409.54	39.6	41.4	39.8	10.74	10.79	10.29
CHEMICAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	498.31	512.46	476.44	42.7	43.8	42.2	11.67	11.70	11.29
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	604.13	538.28	560.62	43.4	40.2	41.9	13.92	13.39	13.38
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	369.60	375.28	349.35	42.0	42.5	41.1	8.80	8.83	8.50
LEATHER PRODUCTS	220.34	220.57	211.27	36.3	36.7	37.0	6.07	6.01	5.71
SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES:									
ANTHRACITE COAL MINING	385.00	427.52	429.71	35.0	37.7	39.1	11.00	11.34	10.99
BITUMINOUS COAL MINING	655.51	619.64	556.86	42.9	40.9	37.6	15.28	15.15	14.81
COMMUNICATIONS	539.74	562.79	523.20	40.4	41.2	40.0	13.36	13.66	13.08
ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY	620.96	632.16	595.02	42.3	42.8	42.9	14.68	14.77	13.87
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	170.84	185.11	166.65	27.6	30.8	27.5	6.19	6.01	6.06

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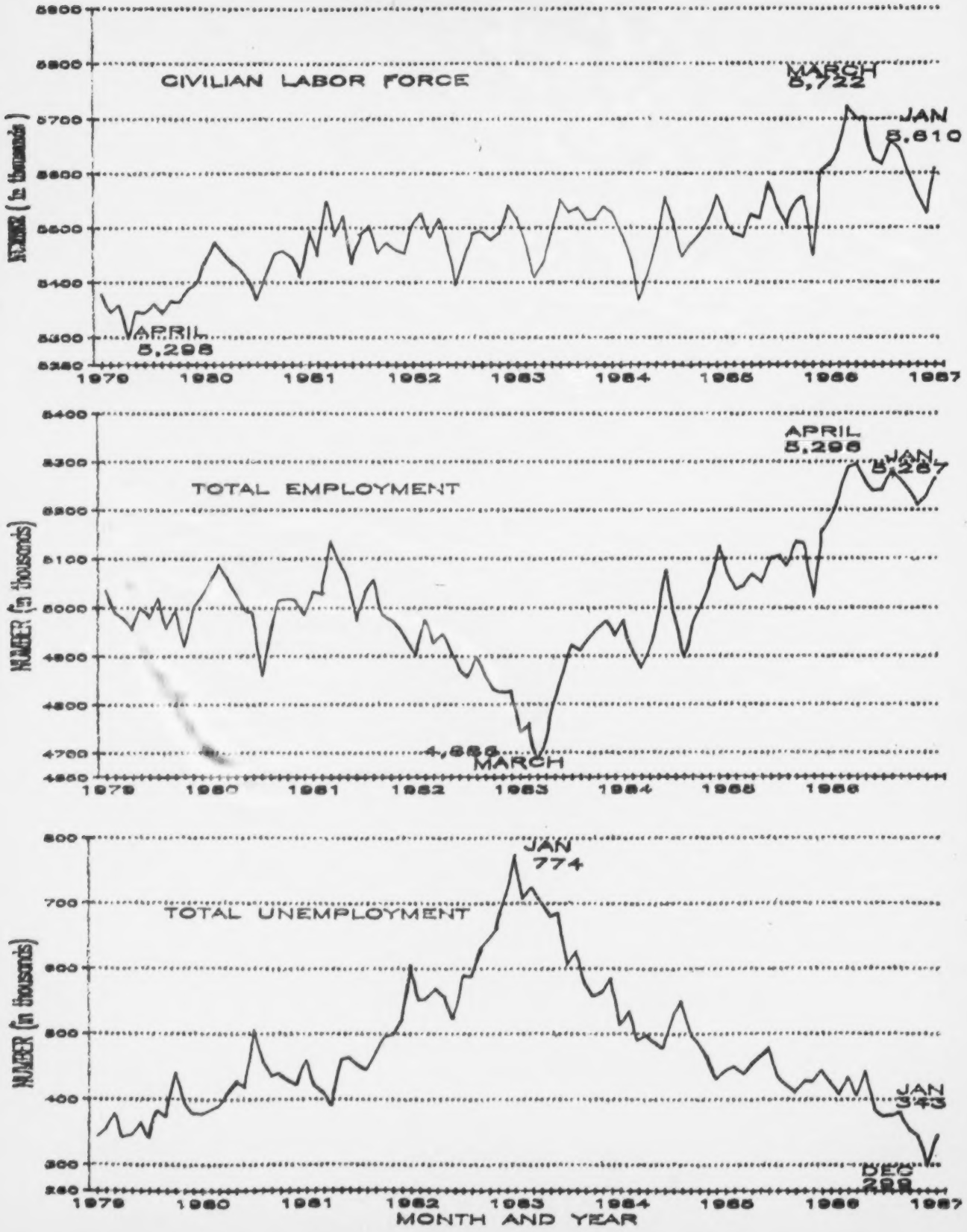

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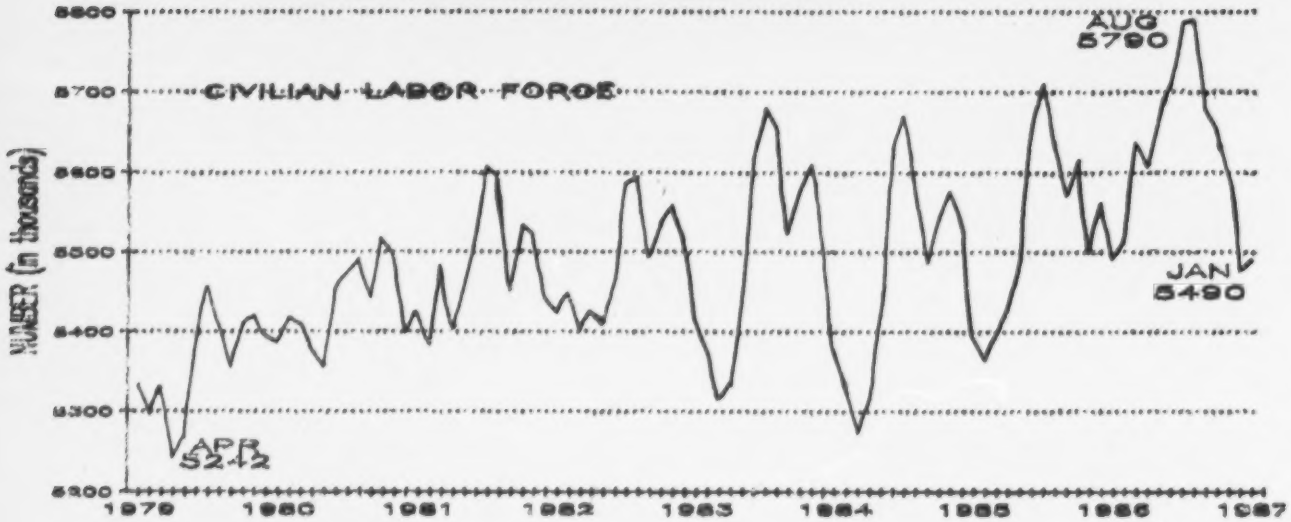

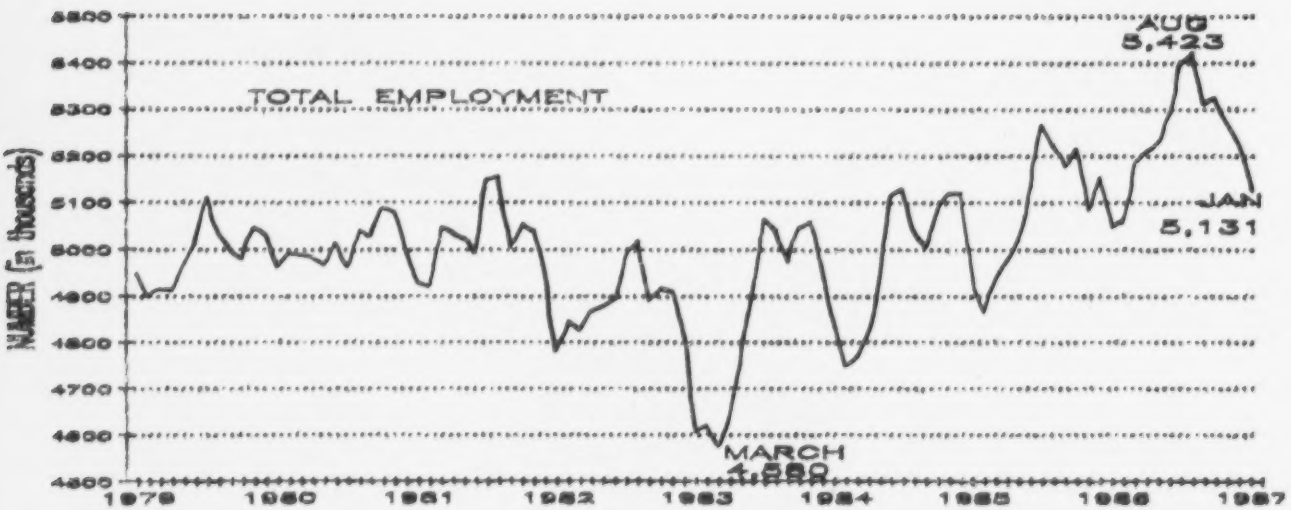

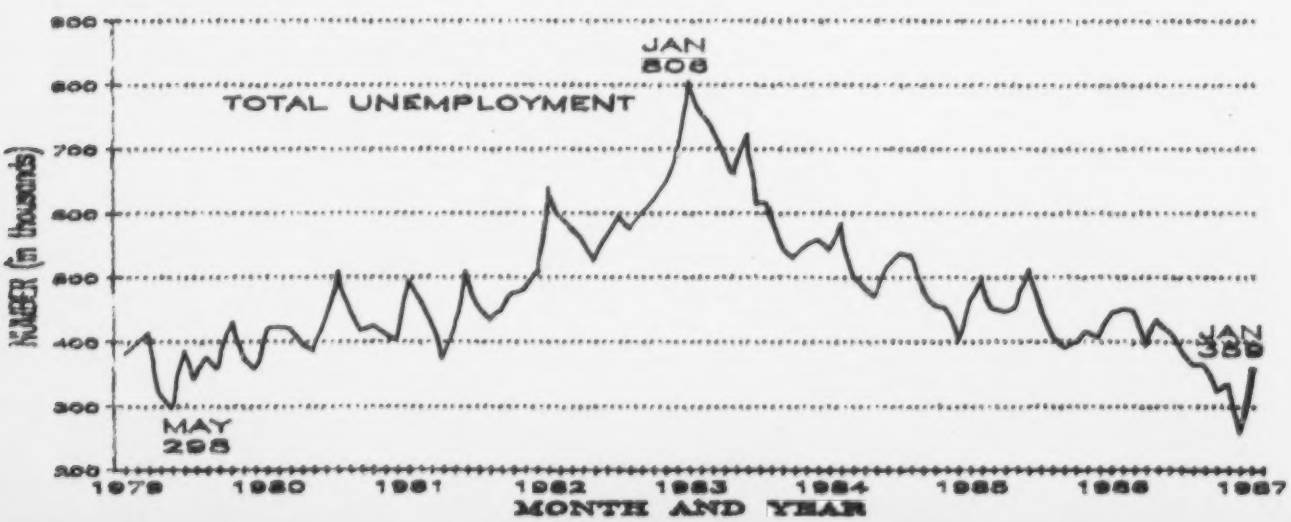

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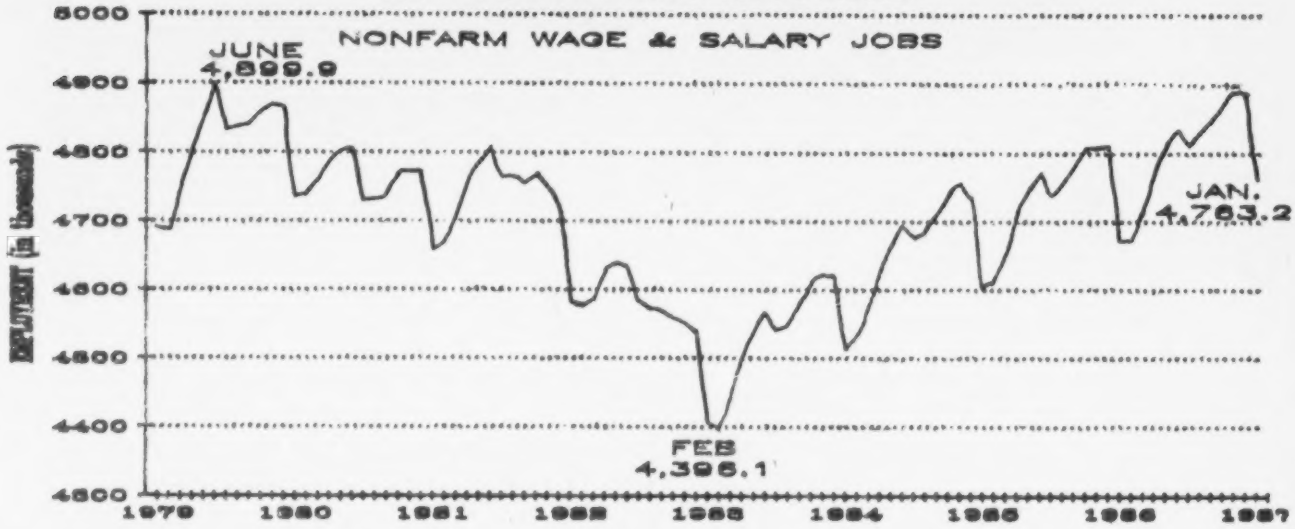

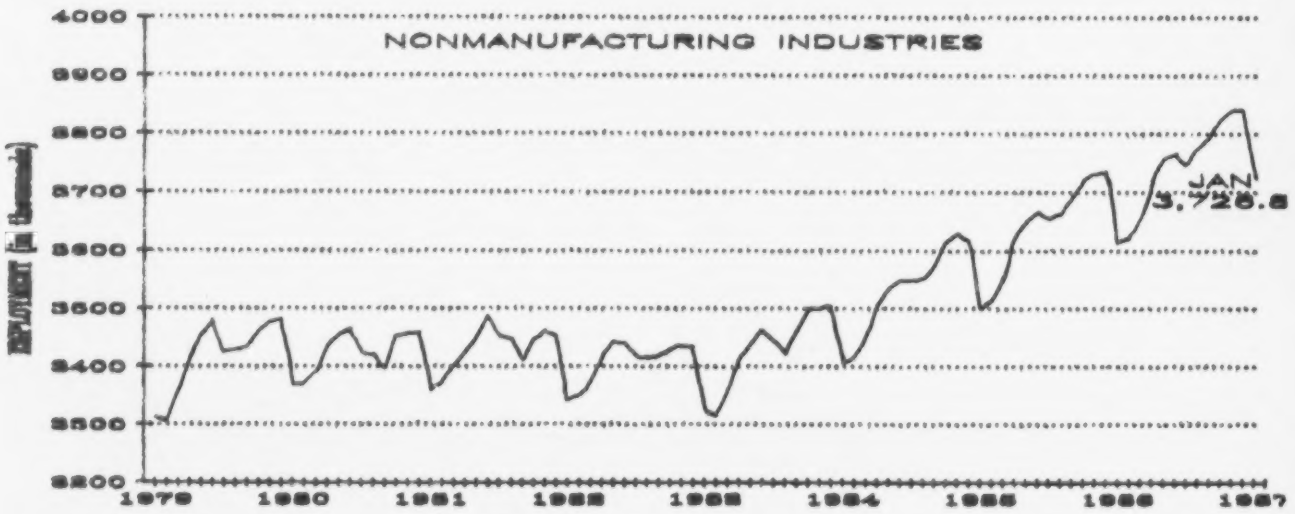

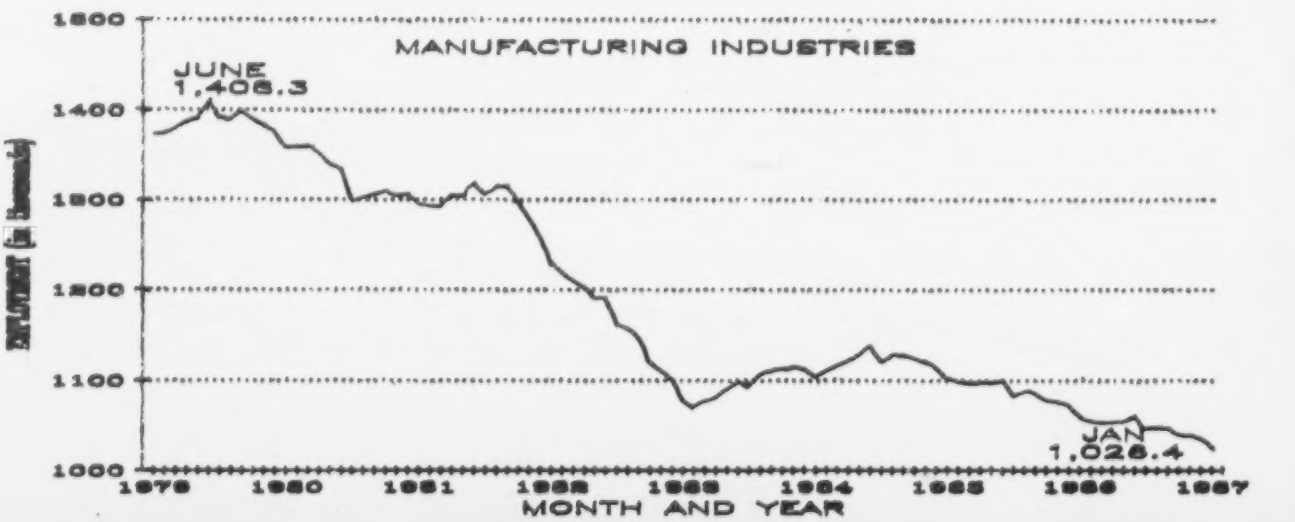

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